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Mr. INHOFE, without amendment

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**AN ACT**

To amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize  
volunteer programs and community partnerships for na-  
tional wildlife refuges, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Wildlife Ref-  
5 uge Volunteer Act of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS**  
2 **AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS UNDER**  
3 **FISH AND WILDLIFE ACT OF 1956.**

4 Section 7(f) of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16  
5 U.S.C. 742f(f)) is amended to read as follows:

6 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
7 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the  
8 Interior to carry out subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e)  
9 \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004 through 2009.”.

10 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF PROJECTS UNDER NATIONAL**  
11 **WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM VOLUNTEER AND**  
12 **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ENHANCEMENT**  
13 **ACT OF 1998.**

14 Section 4(a) of the National Wildlife Refuge System  
15 Volunteer and Community Partnership Enhancement Act  
16 of 1998 (16 U.S.C. 742f note) is amended—

17 (1) in the heading by striking “PILOT”;

18 (2) by striking “pilot project” each place it ap-  
19 pears and inserting “project”;

20 (3) in paragraph (1) by striking “, but not  
21 more than 20 pilot projects nationwide”;

22 (4) in paragraph (3)—

23 (A) by striking “pilot projects” and insert-  
24 ing “projects”; and

25 (B) by striking “after the date of the en-  
26 actment of this Act” and inserting “after the

1 date of the enactment of the National Wildlife  
2 Refuge Volunteer Act of 2003, and every 3  
3 years thereafter”; and

4 (5) in paragraph (4) by striking “each of fiscal  
5 years 1999 through 2002” and inserting “for each  
6 fiscal year through fiscal year 2009”.

7 **SEC. 4. CLARIFICATION OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AU-**  
8 **THORITY.**

9 Section 7(d)(2)(A) of the Fish and Wildlife Act of  
10 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742f(d)(2)(A)) is amended to read as  
11 follows:

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding  
13 chapter 63 of title 31, United States Code, the  
14 Secretary of the Interior may negotiate and  
15 enter into a cooperative agreement with a part-  
16 ner organization, academic institution, State or  
17 local government agency, or other person to im-  
18 plement one or more projects or programs for  
19 a refuge or complex of geographically related  
20 refuges in accordance with the purposes of this  
21 subsection and in compliance with the policies  
22 of other relevant authorities, regulations, and  
23 policy guidance.”.

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